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In The Claims

Please cancel Claims 1 through 114 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 115 through 133 as follows:

(Claims 1-114 (cancelled))

Claim 115. (new) A method of publishing a product document on the Global Information Network, comprising the steps of:

receiving said product document;

digitally notarizing said product document to create a document notarization record, where said document notarization record includes a publication date/time stamp; and,

posting said received, notarized product document on a web site publicly accessible via said Global Information Network.

Claim 116. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of parsing said received product document into a bibliographic data file, a primary text document file, and an attachment file.

Claim 117. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of creating a searchable document file related to said product document.

Claim 118. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 117 further comprising the step of saving said searchable document file in a database.

Claim 119. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 116 further comprising the step of creating a display document file from said primary text document file, where said display document file is suitable for posting on said web site.

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Claim 120. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 119 further comprising the step of creating a searchable document file from said display document file.

Claim 121. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of counting how many times said posted product document is accessed via said Global Information Network.

Claim 122. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said document notarization record includes a digital fingerprint of said received product document, where said digital fingerprint uniquely identifies said product document.

Claim 123. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said posting of said product document occurs on a date of first publication of said product document.

Claim 124. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of sending a reminder notice regarding a one-year anniversary date for said date of first publication.

Claim 125. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said step of digitally notarizing said received product document is done remotely from said web site where said posting said received, notarized product document is done.

Claim 126. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein a plurality of published product documents are operatively arranged to be searchable via said Global Information Network.

Claim 127. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115

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wherein said product document or portions thereof are composed in a language selected from the group consisting of SGML, XML and HTML.

Claim 128. (new) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of publishing a product document for a commercially available product.

Claim 129. (new) An apparatus for publishing a product document on the Global Information Network, comprising:

means for receiving said product document;

means for digitally notarizing said received product document to create a document notarization record, where said document notarization record includes a publication date/time stamp; and,

means for posting said received, notarized product document on a web site publicly accessible via said Global Information Network.

Claim 130. (new) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for receiving said product document comprises a web server.

Claim 131. (new) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for digitally notarizing said received product document comprises a notary web server.

Claim 132. (new) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for posting said received, notarized product document comprises a general purpose computer specially programmed to be accessible via said Global Information Network.

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ai Claim 133. (new) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 further comprising a means for receiving a product document for a commercially available product.
